

kind of strained and tempestuous relationship that can flare when a son succeeds a successful father.

"Since I was 12, all I wanted to do was work with my dad," Brian Roberts said in an interview for this obituary. "I believe the reason we are still in this business when so many others have long since departed was his will to succeed, and to do it with certain core values and integrity. Maybe it was losing both his parents before he was 21, living through the Depression, but somehow he became an optimist. He was the most optimistic man I ever knew. He never told me anything I wanted to do at Comcast was a bad idea, and after more than 30 years, you'd think I've had a lot of bad ideas."

Together, Brian and Ralph had many good ideas that brought television to tens of millions across America. We are all forever grateful for Ralph Roberts' contributions to the American business world and to telecommunications. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our Nation benefited from Ralph's hard work and vision. Our prayers are with his wife Suzanne, his children, and his grandchildren.●

REMEMBERING COLONEL PAUL F. DUDLEY, RETIRED

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today we honor the life and service of Col. Paul F. Dudley, Retired, whose passing signifies a great loss to Nevada. I send my condolences and prayers to his wife Barbara and all of Mr. Dudley's family in this time of mourning, including his 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Mr. Dudley was a man committed to his family, his country, his State, and his community. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Dudley was born on April 24, 1925, in Marengo, OH. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Marines and served during World War II. Following the war, Mr. Dudley attended Otterbein College and served his local community as an Ohio State Patrol trooper and detective. He later served in the Ohio Air National Guard, following graduating first in his class from the Air Force in Colorado as a nuclear weapons maintenance officer and returning to active duty. Throughout his service with the Ohio Air National Guard, he commanded the NATO Special Ammunition Storage Site in Ghedi, Italy. In 1975, he moved his family to Las Vegas and served at Nellis Air Force Base to command the Aviation Depot Squadron. Mr. Dudley's service to this country has been invaluable.

From serving in World War II, to his Air Force assignments as a nuclear safety officer in Italy, to his duty as an inspector general at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base in South Vietnam, his bravery was without limit. Mr. Dudley received two Distinguished Flying Cross medals for his extraordinary actions as a Marine radioman-gunner during World War II and also flew in 43 combat missions throughout the Pacific campaign.

As a World War II veteran, Mr. Dudley's commitment to his country, as

well as his dedication to his family and community, exemplified why the legacy of all World War II veterans must be preserved for generations to come. These veterans truly are the "greatest generation"—selflessly serving not for recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals, but to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Barbara and all of Mr. Dudley's family. We will always remember Mr. Dudley for his courageous contributions to the United States of America. His service to his country and dedication to his family and community earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation.

Throughout his life, Mr. Dudley maintained a dedication to keeping this great Nation safe, which I am honored to commend. His patriotism and drive will never be forgotten. Today, I join the Las Vegas community and citizens of the Silver State to celebrate the life of an upstanding Nevadan.●

CONGRATULATING FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, I wish to congratulate Foothill High School on its team of students selected as the Southwest regional winner and third place overall in the sixth annual Vans Custom Culture shoe designing contest. The contest was highly competitive with 2,529 schools registered to participate. Five students, including April Siglos, Cayleigh Miner, Catherine Swift, Shelby Baker, and Aimee Perry, were chosen to represent the high school at the award ceremony in New York. Students Daniel Di'Antonio and Elizabeth Marshall were also important contributors to the team, participating in the design process. Competitors were required to design pairs of shoes for four categories including art, music, action sports, and local flavor. The team won a total of \$4,000 for its achievement in being selected in the top five competitors, a contribution that will help future Foothill students for years to come.

The contest has been utilized by Foothill High School art teacher Sarah Plough as a classroom assignment in recent years, giving students the opportunity to harness their creative side and apply their art skills to a three-dimensional object. Students in Ms. Plough's class were also assigned to participate in local contests, bringing their artwork outside of Foothill High School's walls and into the local community. Ms. Plough's drive to bring opportunity to her students is appreciated by the entire Foothill High School and Las Vegas communities.

The students are shining examples to their fellow Foothill Falcons, focusing a great amount of time and effort to create phenomenal artwork for the competition. They spent 5 weeks working on their designs and even devoted hours over spring break to their projects. They should be proud of their hard work and their great accomplishment.

I am excited to see local students bringing recognition to both Nevada and to Foothill High School for their advancement in a national competition. Their accolade is well deserved. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me and all Nevadans in congratulating Foothill High School for its success and its honorable representation of Nevada.●

TRIBUTE TO RAEGAN ARNOLDY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Raegan Arnoldy, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Raegan is a graduate of Lyman County High School in Presho, SD. Currently, Raegan is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she is majoring in communication studies and business administration. Raegan is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of her experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Raegan Arnoldy for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MACI BURKE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Maci Burke, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Maci is a graduate of Chamberlain High School in Chamberlain, SD. Currently, Maci is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she is majoring in political science. Maci is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of her experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Maci Burke for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE KERR

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Danielle Kerr, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Danielle is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD as well as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNL, with an English major. Currently she has been accepted into the 2018 class at the UNL College of Law.